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**WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM**

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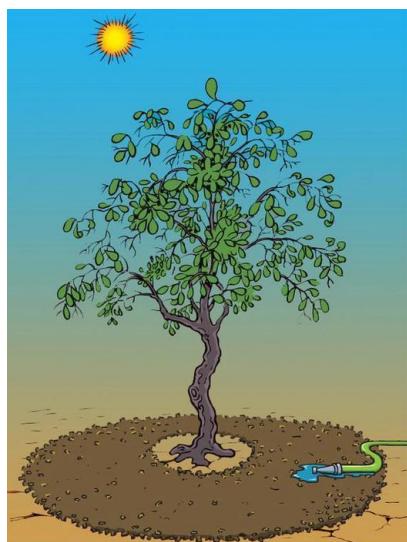
**Quote of the Month**



"No shade tree? Blame not the sun but yourself."

~ Chinese Proverb

**Timely Tree Tips: Proper Mulching**



Why mulch around your tree? Mulch acts to conserve soil moisture, buffer soil temperature, control weeds and protect tender tree trunks from damage inflicted by string trimmers.

[Read more.](#)

Source: International Society of Arboriculture/Bugwood.org

**Coordinator's Corner**



Do you need help with a native plant or tree restoration project? You may be eligible to [host a Washington Conservation Corps/Puget SoundCorps crew](#).

[Read more.](#)



## Planting Diversity: A Tree to Try

Opposite-growing heart-shaped leaves that turn a yellow to apricot color in fall and are said to give off a spicy, almost brown sugar odor make the Katsura a great medium-size tree to try.

[Read more.](#)

## Trees Remove Fine Particulate Air Pollution, Save Lives



Urban particulate air pollution is a serious health concern. A recent study by the US Forest Service found that trees can remove fine particles of pollution from the air we breath.

[Read more.](#)

## Urban Forestry in Kent: Partnerships make the Program



Springwood Park Steward Zandria Michaud.

Photo: Victoria Andrews

Several City of Kent departments forge successful partnerships with citizen volunteers to grow a healthy community forest.

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### Council Communiqué'

## Certified Arborists Stay Abreast of Best Management Practices



How does an arborist become certified? It takes experience, skills and knowledge. It also takes a commitment to education to stay current with best management practices for tree care and maintenance.

[Read more.](#)

## Beat the Heat with Shade Trees

from ACTrees, July 2013



High summer temperatures help us to appreciate trees even more. Anyone who has walked a city street in summer quickly notices that the temperature dips to tolerable in the shade of a street tree.

[Read more.](#)

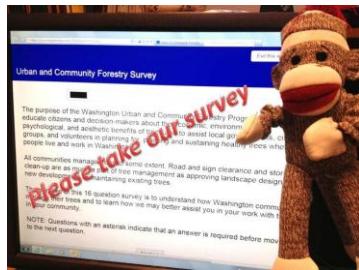
## Hemlock Woolly Adelgid



If you've seen cottony tufts on your western hemlock branches, the tree may be hosting an exotic insect pest.

[Read more.](#)

## Take the Urban and Community Forestry Survey



There is still time! Please take the [Urban and Community Forestry Survey](#) soon.

## Web-ucation: Links to help you learn

- [Washington State Department of Labor and Industries](#) has helpful tips for hiring a contractor on the web. The page is filled with handy information for homeowners and is a resource for those seeking to hire an arborist.
- Alliance for Community Trees (ACTrees) is helping to launch the [Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition](#) (SUFC) [Vibrant Cities](#) urban forestry [outreach toolkit](#); among the 'tools' in the toolkit are prepared Facebook and Twitter postings. Visit [treesarethekey.org](http://treesarethekey.org) for more information about the Vibrant Cities initiative; click "Social Media" to take a look at the Facebook and Twitter postings.
- This interesting video from the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory shows the [seasonal carbon dioxide cycle](#) as trees become active in the spring and then go dormant in the fall.
- Want to learn more about urban forestry? Check out these videos made possible by a grant through the 2011 National Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the Florida Forest Service. They are grouped into [learning modules and resources](#) linked to those modules.
- [Tree Talks](#) digital podcasts are produced by the Oregon Department of Forestry's Urban and Community Forests program. The series includes information about why not to top trees, selecting the right tree for the right place, selection and care guidelines for fruit trees, why leaves change color in the fall, and other fun topics.

## Calendar of Events, Activities, and Opportunities

Symposiums, classes, workshops and more await you. [Read more](#)



Visit our [Don't Top Trees](#) website for more information.

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The UCF team. From left: Nicki Eisfeldt, Leif Fixen, Micki McNaughton (in front), Sarah Foster, Linden Lampman, Garth Davis

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